GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Natural Gas for Urea Production
Maragatham Smt. K.

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is true that the Government has approved a policy to supply natural gas at a uniform price to all urea plants;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government hopes to revive some of the defunct fertilizer manufacturing units in eastern India and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has approved budgetary support of nearly Rs. 5,000 crore for strategic oil reserves and revival of fertilizer units in many parts of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has formulated a policy to supply natural gas at uniform delivered price to all natural gas grid connected urea manufacturing plants for the purpose of manufacturing urea.

(b): Yes, Madam. Two units namely Sindri (Jharkhand) & Talcher (Odisha) of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and three units namely Durgapur (West Bengal), Haldia (West Bengal) & Barauni (Bihar) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL), which are defunct/closed fertilizer units of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in eastern India are being revived. The revival status of these units is annexed.

(c): Rs. 4948 crores provision has been made in 12th Five Year Plan for Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL).

However, there is no provision of budgetary support for revival of fertilizer units. In 2008, Cabinet accorded approval for revival of the closed units of FCIL and HFCL subject to non-recourse to Government funding.

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